

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] U.S. Patent application no. 10/027,457 of S. Coatney et al., filed on December 21, 2001 and entitled, "System and Method of Implementing Disk Ownership in Networked Storage," which was published on June 26, 2003 as U.S. Patent Application publication no. 2003/0120743 (hereinafter "Coatney");

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] U.S. Patent application no. 10/027,013 of A. Rowe et al., filed on December 21, 2001 and entitled, "System and Method for Allocating Spare Disks in Networked Storage," which issued on December 5, 2006 as U.S. Patent no. 7,146,522 (hereinafter "Rowe"); and

Please amend paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0005] U.S. Patent application no. 10/407,681 of B. Reger et al., filed on April 4, 2003 and entitled, "Method and Apparatus for Converting Disk Drive Storage Enclosure into a Standalone Network Storage System and Vice Versa," which issued on October 31, 2006 as U.S. Patent no. 7,127,798 (hereinafter "Reger");
each of which is incorporated herein by reference.